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The Bureau of Indian Affairs through the Billings area office has entered into a contract with Montana State University to train BIA personnel in guidance and counseling methods for the benefit of Indians on the seven Montana reservations, it was announced by Tom Collins, director of statewide services for MSU.

Beginning May 17, employment assistance officers and specialists from the BIA agencies and area office will be on the MSU campus for a week of concentrated lectures and guidance sessions. These will be conducted by Dr. Dale Anderson, in the field of vocational guidance, Robert Gambs, specialist in casework practice, Dr. Carling Malouf, on acculturation and modern Indian problems, and Dr. William Stoner, who will lecture on counseling.

Following the week on campus, two of the specialists will be busy throughout the summer, visiting workers on the reservations to discuss and advise on work in the field. At the end of the season, the BIA group will return to the Missoula campus for a three day session of review and analysis of work accomplished during the summer. In addition to staff members of the Billings office, trainees will come from the Blackfeet, Flathead, Crow, Fort Belknap, Rocky Boy, Fort Peck, Northern Cheyenne and Wind River agencies.

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